



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/754,422  
Filing Date: January 9, 2004  
Applicant(s): Tapazoglou et al.  
Group Art Unit: 3679  
Examiner: Gregory John Binda  
Title: ENERGY ABSORBING PROPELLER SHAFT SYSTEM  
Attorney Docket: 706697US1

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MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 14, 2005, please amend the captioned application, as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicants' hereby petition under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

**Amendments to the Drawing** begin at page 2.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin at page 3.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin at page 5.

**Remarks** begin at page 8.